BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-206-T - ORDER NO. 93-749

AUGUST 23, 1993

IN RE: Application of Ben Thornton Express, ORDER Incorporated, Route 2, Box 220-B, P. O. GRANTING Box 423, Yemassee, SC 29945, for a Class CERTIFICATE E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of an Application filed by Ben Thornton Express, Incorporated (the Applicant) for a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to render motor freight service over irregular routes only, as follows:

COMMODITIES IN GENERAL, AS DEFINED IN R.103-211(1); ALSO EXCLUDING BANK COURIER COMMODITIES AND COMMODITIES TRANSPORTED IN ARMORED VEHICLES: Between points and places in South Carolina.

Subsequent to the initiation of this proceeding, the Commission Staff instructed the Applicant to cause to be published a prepared Notice of Filing in certain newspapers of general circulation in the State of South Carolina. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Application and advised all interested parties desiring to participate in the proceeding of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings. A Petition to Intervene was initially filed by Southeastern Freight Lines and was

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subsequently withdrawn. 1

Upon consideration of the Application, the representations contained therein and the documentary evidence attached thereto, the Commission finds that the Applicant is fit, willing and able to perform the service to the public under the authority sought. The Commission also finds that the granting of the certificate is required by public convenience and necessity.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Application, for a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be, and hereby is, approved.
- 2. That the Applicant file the proper license fees and other information required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10 et seq. (1976), as amended, and by R.103-100 through R.103-280 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, S.C. Code Ann., Vol. 26 (1976), as amended, within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission.
- 3. That upon compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10, et seq (1976), as amended, and the applicable provisions of R.103-100 through R.103-280 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, S.C. Code Ann., Vol. 26 (1976), as amended, a certificate shall be issued to the Applicant authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.

^{1.} In light of Southeastern Freight Lines withdrawal from this proceeding, the Commission considers the Applicant's Motion to Produce moot.

- 4. That prior to compliance with such requirements and receipt of a certificate, the motor carrier services authorized herein may not be provided.
- 5. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)